

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 06255 121121Z

10

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01

SAM-01 AID-05 /062 W

----- 099489

P R 121015Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 58

INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

USLO PEKING

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 6255

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR KS JA

SUBJ: ROK PREMIER VISITS JAPAN

SUMMARY: THOUGH CONCRETE GAINS HARD TO MEASURE YET, ROK PREMIER KIM CHONG-PIL'S TACT DURING TOKYO VISIT MAY 9-10 MADE GOOD IMPRESSION ON JAPANESE AND SHOULD HELP WARM BILATERAL RELATIONS. KIM WARNED JAPAN ABOUT NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RECENT US REITERATION OF SUPPORT, AND HOPED JAPANESE WOULD FOLLOW SUIT WITH FURTHER STATEMENT. STRESSING NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, KIM HINTED THAT SOME PROGRESS ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. HE URGED THAT JOINT ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE BE HELD SOON AND ASKED THAT GOJ REFRAIN FROM ECONOMIC MEASURES THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN DPRK. JAPANESE LISTENED POLITELY, REAFFIRMED STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF KOREA TO JAPAN, PLAYED DOWN KIM DAE-JUNG CASE, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS ON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. STOPPING OVER IN TOKYO ENROUTE HOME AFTER VISITS TO FRANCE AND SAUDI ARABIA, ROK PREMIER KIM CHONG-PIL SPENT AN HOUR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ON MAY 10 FOLLOWED BY ONE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AT LUCH WITH PRIME  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 06255 121121Z

MINISTER MIKI. ACCORDING TO NE ASIA DIV DIRECTOR SEO,

KIM'S MAIN AIM WAS TO WARN JAPANESE LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY PRIME MINISTER MIKI, AGAINST TRUSTING NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS OR ACTIONS. THOUGH HIS WARNING WAS COUCHED IN STANDARD TERMS, ROK PREMIER DIFFERED FROM OTHER ASSESSMENTS BY MAINTAINING THAT DPRK PREMIER KIM IL-SUNG HAD SUCCEEDED DURING HIS PEKING VISIT IN GAINING PRC ACQUIESCENCE TO THE USE OF MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST THE ROK. ROK PREMIER FELT THAT PEKING STOOD TO GAIN MUCH BY PERMITTING HOSTILITIES TO BEGIN AND THEN INSERTING ITSELF AS MEDIATOR.

2. KIM CHONG-PIL SAID RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA PROVED HOW LITTLE THE COMMUNISTS COULD BE TAKEN AT THEIR WORD. HE REPEATED PROPHECIES HE SAID ROK PRESIDENT PARK HAD MADE TO AMERICAN LEADERS AT TIME PARIS ACCORDS SIGNED THAT CONTINUED COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESSURE AND ULTIMATE VICTORY WERE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF AGREEMENTS. KIM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT REITERATION OF US SUPPORT AND HOPED THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD DO SOMETHING SIMILAR. JAPANESE REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S RECENT REAFFIRMATION OF "ORK CLAUSE" IN NIXON-SATO COMMUNIQUE AS EVIDENCE OF JAPANESE CONCERN. THEY SAID GOJ WOULD REITERATE THIS VIEW OF KOREA'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN IN RESPONSE TO DIET OR PRESS QUESTIONS.

3. STRESSING NEED FOR IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT SITUATION, KIM CHONG-PIL ADMITTED THAT KOREAN SIDE HAS MADE SOME ERRORS IN DEALING WITH JAPAN. HE HOPED THAT MINISTERIAL MEETING COULD BE HELD SOON TO MARK NEW START AND HINTED THAT SOME SORT OF GESTURE ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA HOPED THAT MEETING COULD BE HELD SOON, BUT URGED THAT KOREANS TAKE MEASURES THAT WOULD CREATE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE FOR CONFERENCE. PRIME MINISTER MIKI LIMITED HIS RESPONSE ON KIM DAE-JUNG TO BRIEF WISH THAT SOME SOLUTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SOON. ACCORDING TO SEO, BREVITY OF MIKI'S RESPONSE WAS DUE TO VERY FRANK FOREIGN OFFICE BRIEFING OF PRIME MINISTER ON MAY 8 ABOUT KOREAN SENSIBILITIES ON KIM CASE.

4. ROK PRIMIER ALSO ASKED JAPANESE LEADERS TO AVOID  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TOKYO 06255 121121Z

ANY ACTION THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN DPRK WAR-MAKING CAPACITY. IN RESPONSE, JAPANESE REITERATED STANDARD LINE THAT EX-IM CREDITS SMALL IN SCALE AND PURELY ECONOMIC IN NATURE.

5. PRIME MINISTER MIKI WAS IMPRESSED WITH KIM CHONG-PIL AND EXPRESSED HOPE AT END OF LUNCH THAT ROK PREMIER WOULD VISIT JAPAN AGAIN SOON. KIM REPLIED THAT HE WOULD COME

ANYTIME JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER WISHED. AFTER KIM HAD LEFT, MIKI DREW FONOFF ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR TAKASHIMA ASIDE, AND TOLD HIM, "I LIKE THAT MAN. HE IS A PERSON OF SUBSTANCE."

6. COMMENT: KIM CHONG-PIL'S HANDLING OF JAPANESE CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THAT OF FOREIGN MINISTER KIM DONG-JO A MONTH AGO (TOKYO 4356). DURING HIS MEETING WITH MIKI, KIM DONG-JO SEEMED UNAWARE OF UNUSUAL COMPLIMENT THAT JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER HAD PAID IN RECEIVING HIM, AND LAUNCHED INTO DETAILED LIST OF DEMANDS FOR JAPANESE ACTION. THOUGH HE HELD HIS TEMPER, MIKI WAS MIFFED AND COUNTERED WITH STRONG PRESENTATION ON ABRASIVE KIM DAE-JUNG CASE. THIS TIME BOTH SIDES WERE BETTER PREPARED. THE JAPANESE BUREAUCRATS, PROMPTED PERHAPS BY THEIR BELIEF THAT MIKI IS "DENSE" ON KOREAN AFFAIRS (TOKYO 3700), TOOK SPECIAL PAINS TO BRIEF THE PRIME MINISTER. KIM CHONG-PIL TOOK PAINS OF HIS OWN TO HANDLE JAPANESE WITH TACT. HIS ADMISSION OF MISTAKES IN THE PAST SEEMED DESIGNED TO INGRATIATE HIM WITH HIS HOST AND APPEARS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED. THOUGH THE CONCRETE RESULTS OF THE ROK PREMIER'S VISIT SEEM SLIGHT, KIM CHONG-PIL, WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT TOKYO HAPPY ABOUT HIS MEETINGS WITH THE JAPANESE, MAY HAVE SET THE STAGE FOR SOME REAL PROGRESS IN ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. HODGSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, KIDNAPPING, MINISTERIAL VISITS, POLITICAL LEADERS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 12 MAY 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975TOKYO06255  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750165-0474  
**From:** TOKYO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750559/aaaacbuy.tel  
**Line Count:** 139  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 19 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <19 MAY 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <20 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ROK PREMIER VISITS JAPAN SUMMARY: THOUGH CONCRETE GAINS HARD TO MEASURE YET, ROK  
**TAGS:** PFOR, KS, JA, (KIM CHONG-PIL), (KIM DAE JUNG)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006